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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 09/883,232

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For. **SURFACE-TREATING SUPPORT MEMBER, SURFACE-TREATING HOLDER,
SURFACE-TREATING PROCESS, AND SURFACE TREATING APPARATUS**

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PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(d)**

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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Enclosed, to complete the file, is a copy of an Office Action issued on July 9, 2004 in the corresponding Chinese patent application, with an English translation thereof.

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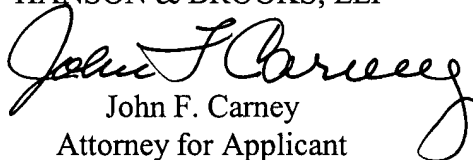
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